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City of Renton - 1055 South Grady Way
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City of Renton Monitors Storm Damage North Coulon Park Closed

Renton, WA: Due to the storm incidents and power outages, the City of Renton continues to monitor reports of structural damage to homes and businesses and to coordinate response to down trees and other hazards. The city's Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) was activated from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 14, 2006 until 3:30 p.m. Friday, December 15, 2006 due to power outages and multiple reports of downed power lines.

Renton citizens are encouraged to stay off roadways and stay away from downed power lines. City crews are busy removing fallen trees from the streets. Crews are responding to public emergencies first and are monitoring the situation and consider safety as a top priority. City crews are not removing trees that are entangled in power lines and are referring those to Puget Sound Energy. Emergency personnel are working 24 hours to respond to emergency calls.

The north-end of Coulon Park is closed until further notice. Crews are clearing trees from the Main Street Parking lot, which should open to the public by Sunday, December 17, 2006. Heating power lines were down today at the Highlands Public Library. The Renton Public Library was open and will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. tomorrow. The Renton Senior Activity Center offered free lunch Friday from 11 a.m. to noon.

It is not known how long it will take to restore power. Residents are asked to be careful and remain in their homes for their own safety. To stay warm, wear extra clothing and use extra blankets. Residents are also urged to use caution and obey fire safety rules. Do not operate generators indoors; Do not use gas barbecues, or charcoal grills indoors; Be careful with open flames, and never leave candles unattended. Citizens who anticipate needing sheltering and to get information on how to stay warm should contact the American Red Cross at 206-

323-2345 or <http://www.seattleredcross.org>. For informational updates, please call the King County Emergency Communication Center, at **1-800-523-5044**.